



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hermann KUENZER et al.

Examiner: S. Qazi

Serial No.: 09/497,891

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Title: 16-HYDROXYESTRATRIENES AS SELECTIVELY ACTIVE ESTROGENS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

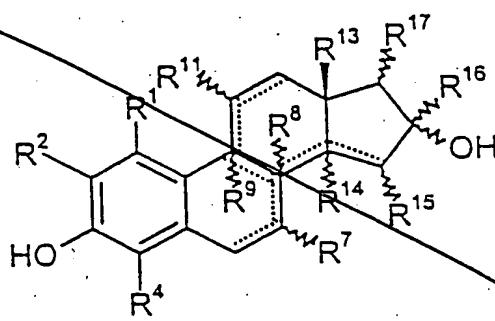
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 53 to read as follows (a marked up version of the amended claims is in an appendix attached hereto):

53. **(Amended)** A 3,16-Dihydroxyestra-1,3,5(10)-triene compound of formula I:



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